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IRRIGATED LANDS CONDITIONAL WAIVER PROGRAM –
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING NON-PARTICIPATING GROWERS,
WATER DISTRICTS, AND MANAGED WETLAND OPERATIONS

Regional Board staff requests your assistance in identifying non-participants of the Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver Program.

Non-participants may include, but not be limited to:

- (1) growers (owners/operators) who have irrigated lands,
- (2) water districts with operations spills, and
- (3) managed wetland operators.

According to State Water Resource Control Board Order No. WQO 2004-0003, the Regional Board may request Coalition Groups to identify their member growers who have knowingly elected to participate in the Coalition Group, but the Regional Board may do so only within certain restrictions. These restrictions effectively limit the Regional Board's ability to identify non-participating growers, water districts and managed wetland operators. The Regional Board needs to identify non-participating and non-complying growers, water districts and managed wetland operators so that they may be contacted and informed of their obligations under the Conditional Waiver and the Water Code.

If you have knowledge or information about growers, districts, or operators as described above who are not in a Coalition Group, but who probably should be, please forward the appropriate information to the Regional Board by 20 January 2005. You may send the information to the above address or email it to agwaiver@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Stewart in Sacramento at (916) 464-3291 or Pete Osmolovsky in Fresno (559) 445-5116.

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